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For: **ENCAPSULATION PRODUCTS FOR CONTROLLED OR EXTENDED
RELEASE**

TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Submitted herewith for filing in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above-identified patent application are the following documents:

- (1) Transmittal letter; and
- (2) Response and Amendment Under 37 CFR 1.111.

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Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated January 27, 2004. The three-month shortened statutory period is set to expire on April 27, 2004; accordingly, this response is timely filed.

The following amendment should be entered under 37 C.F.R. 1.111 because the amendments and remarks place this application in condition for allowance. As such, in view of the foregoing remarks, Applicant respectfully submits that all pending claims are now in condition for allowance.

AMENDMENT